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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: VOLKER WACK ET AL. - 2 (CONT)  
SERIAL NO.: 10/772,906 EXAMINER: H. TANNER  
FILED: FEBRUARY 5, 2004 GROUP: 3744  
TITLE: ELECTRONIC MIXED WATER PREPARATION DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR PREPARING MIXED WATER

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(2)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, for two months, from March 14, 2005 to MAY 14, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2468 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

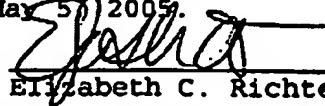
Respectfully submitted,  
VOLKER WACK ET AL. - 2 (CONT)

  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent by facsimile-transmission to Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 5, 2005.

  
Elizabeth C. Richter

RE: VOLKER WACK, V. ET AL-2 (CONT) JES-2 Mac by Ex.wpd

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Effective October 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	1	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	minus 20=	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

SMALL ENTITY  
TYPE  OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR BASIC FEE	770.00
XS 9=		OR XS18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	720

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	7	Minus	20 =
Independent	(1)	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>		

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		XS18=	
X43=		X86=	
+145=		+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	7	Minus	20 =
Independent	(1)	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>		

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		XS18=	
X43=		X86=	
+145=		+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	7	Minus	20 =
Independent	(1)	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>		

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		XS18=	
X43=		X86=	
+145=		+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

- If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
- The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.